

Birthplace of Kiwanis / Griswold Hotel Informational Site

Address: Griswold & Grand River

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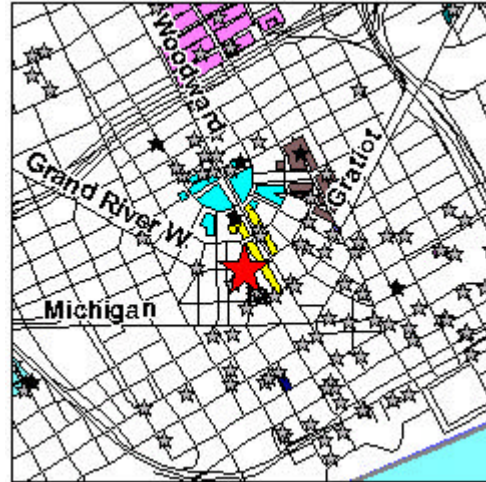
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Kiwanis Symbol



Historic Overview:

Kiwanis International, one of the great service organizations of the world, had its origin on January 21, 1915. On this date the State of Michigan issued a charter to a group of business and professional men who organized the first Kiwanis Club on this site in the old Griswold Hotel. The club's name, Kiwanis, was an Indian term. The concept and principle which Kiwanis represents is symbolized by the slogan "We build." From this beginning, and within two years, Kiwanis became international in scope.

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